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Mr. Mike Spear
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Dear Mr. Spear:

The California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) is presently developing and reviewing plans regarding many areas of the California desert. One of the areas under consideration is the Chuckwalla Bench in Riverside and Imperial counties. It is our understanding that the possibility of utilizing this area as a reintroduction site for Sonoran pronghorn antelope (Antelope americana sonoriensis) has been discussed among the Sonoran Pronghorn Recovery Team members.

At this time, the CDFG would like to inquire as to the intentions of your office and the Sonoran Pronghorn Recovery Team regarding the reintroduction of pronghorn to the Chuckwalla Bench. Are plans currently being discussed or developed for this action? If so, understanding that these plans are likely in a rudimentary state, would it be possible to outline the current condition of plan development? Any information your office may be able to supply regarding the current status of Sonoran pronghorn recovery efforts would also be appreciated.

Of course, the CDFG realizes that any action of this type would be closely coordinated between your office, the Bureau of Land Management and the CDFG. Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Fred Worthley
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Regional Manager
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